

A Word of Advice,

T O T H E

Inhabitants of ALDERSGATE-WARD,

In Relation to the CHOICE of an

ALDERMAN.

1. **S**IR J. S. being Alderman for *Portoken-Ward*, at the time of Their Present Majesties most happy Accession to the Throne, he wilfully neglected to take the Oaths to King *William* and Queen *Mary*, and thereby the Act of Parliament incapacitated him to hold the place of an Alderman, and another was elected in his stead.

2. In the very beginning of their most gracious Majesties Reign, Mr. *Robert Brem* of the Temple, a notorious Papist and Traytor, being happily seized, and committed to the Compter for High-Treason, Sir J. S. being then an Alderman of *London*, discharged him upon Bail, and thereby gave him the opportunity to escape into *France* to plot the Ruin of our Nation and Religion. The then Parliament taking that matter into their Consideration, Sir J. S. was taken into Custody; but the many weighty Affairs of the Kingdom obstructed the bringing him to such a Punishment as his Crime deserved. Upon the 28th of *February*, 1683. Their Majesties by their Proclamation pursued the said *Brem*, thereby declaring, That he was *unduly Bailed*, and had *withdrawn himself from Justice*, and promising a Reward of 200*l.* to him or them that should apprehend him.

3. Sir J. S. being an Alderman, and Justice of the Peace of *London*, in the latter end of the Reign of the late King *Charles*, and of the late King *James*, was not only a Patron to, but Partner with Informers, as is evident by this instance. He caused 30*l.* to be levied by his Warrant upon Mrs. *Herne* a Cheesemonger at *Queenshithe*, upon pretence of a Conventicle in her House; the Law did then allot one third thereof to the Informer, one third to the Poor of the Parish, and the residue to the King. About two years afterwards the late King *James* having appointed Commissioners to enquire what Moneys had been levied upon Dissenters, and Sir J. having deceitfully kept to himself the King's third part of Mrs. *Herne's* 30*l.* and fearing to be accused thereof, he came in person to Mrs. *Herne's* house, and courted her to take the 10*l.* again, which she receiving of him, she very generously and charitably gave to the Relief of the distressed *Irish* Minuters.

4. The base avaricious Spirit of Sir J. appeared likewise in selling to one Mr. *Berney* (an Heir under age) by the procurement and Brokerage of the late famous *Stiffed*, an old Coach and Horses for above double the Value, to be

paid when he came to his Estate. That foul practice being brought into *Chancery* before my Lord Chancellor, the late Earl of *Nottingham*, his Lordship declared in the open Court, that Sir J. (tho he was then an Alderman of the City) deserved to look through a *Woodden-loop-hole*.

Sir T. R. 'Tis well known sprung from the Mitre Tavern in *Fen-Church-street*; and 'tis as notorious, That Villany only, and his Bloody-Mind made him Famous.

1. He was a *Furioso* in the Interest of the late King; and as such was frequently pack'd upon the wicked Juries of that Day; In particular, he was one of the Jury which murdered Alderman *Cornish*. The Term Murderer (seem it never so harsh) is fixed upon him by the Act of Parliament, which reversed the Attainder of that Citizen; for it declares, That the Jury found him guilty upon the single Evidence of one Witness, Colonel *Ramsay*; whereas every man knows, that no one can be found guilty of Treason without two Witnesses; and therefore the Jury were his Murderers.

2. He was also one of that Jury which found Mrs. *Gaunt* guilty of Treason, and for which she died. In Relation whereunto, I shall only put down her own Words left in her Speech. My Blood will be found at the Door of the unrighteous Jury, which found me guilty upon the single Oath of an Outlaw'd Man.

3. By these his high Deserts, in the time when the undoubted Right of Electing Sheriffs was ravished from the City, who but Mr. R. must be appointed one of the Sheriffs; and then he soon became Sir T. In the time of his Shrievalty, the Reverend Mr. *Samuel Johnson*, being most wickedly Sentenced to be Whipp'd, This Man of Blood came to the Executioner, and taking the Whip, said, That it would not do, another must be got.

4. At the time when the honest and necessary Motion was made in the Common-Council of *London*, for an Address of Thanks to our great Deliverer, the then Prince of *Orange*, for hazarding His Person for our Religion and Liberties; This our famous Sir T. pragmatically stood up and moved, That an Address might be made to the late King *James*, to render Him Thanks for returning back from *Feverham*.

7. *Grand Collection*

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